GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1048
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2002
DISCOVERY OF SCRIPTURES
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government are aware that certain scriptures unearthed in November, 2001 are reported to have been recently recovered from INTACH godowns of Khajuraho;

(b)if so, the reasons for delay in reporting the finding to ASI;

(c)the action the Government propose to take against the persons found guilty; and

(d)the measures proposed to check such recurrences in future?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b)Yes, Sir. The matter was reported to the Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Bhopal Circleby the Collector, Chhattarpur on the 15th July, 2002 after the seizure of the sculptures who reported the matter to the Director General subsequently.

(c)&(d)A Heritage Committee under the Chairmanship of the District Collector comprising members from various local bodies is in position and the local police authorities have stepped up vigilance in the region. Appropriate action would be taken against guilty as per law.